

CHAPTER 480

(House Bill 559)

AN ACT concerning

Crimes - Vulnerable Adult - Exploitation Prohibited

FOR the purpose of making it unlawful for any person to knowingly and willfully obtain ~~or use, or endeavor to obtain or use,~~ by deception, intimidation, or undue influence, certain property of a vulnerable adult with the intent to ~~temporarily or permanently~~ deprive the vulnerable adult of certain benefits of the property; providing criminal penalties ~~which depend on the value of the property taken;~~ providing that the defendant shall restore the property taken or its value to the vulnerable adult or the vulnerable adult's estate; providing certain sentencing provisions; providing that a person convicted under this section is disqualified from inheriting, taking, or otherwise benefitting from certain property of the vulnerable adult, whether by operation of law or pursuant to a legal document entered into by the vulnerable adult before the defendant shall have been convicted under this section and shall have made full restoration of the certain property taken or of its value to the vulnerable adult; providing for the construction of this Act; defining certain terms; establishing that the District Court has jurisdiction concurrent with a circuit court in cases involving financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult.

BY renumbering

Article - Criminal Law

Section 8-801 through 8-803 and the subtitle "Subtitle 8. Miscellaneous Fraud", respectively

to be Section 8-901 through 8-903 and the subtitle "Subtitle 9. Miscellaneous Fraud", respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter 26 (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4-301(b)(15) and (16) and 4-302(a) and (d)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4-301(b)(17)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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